MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether provision has been made in the budget for the construction of the Railway Station?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Damage to punja cultivation in Triperuntura.

153. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by the Government on the representation made by me to the Dewan on 14-8-1109 regarding the damages sustained by the owners and cultivators of *punja* lands in the Triperuntura *pakuthi*; and

(*b*) whether a copy of that representation has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer in charge of the Irrigation Works for prompt action to repair and construct the irrigation channels in the *punja* lands?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A report called for from the Chief Engineer on the subject is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Yes.

Vilakkittala Nairs and Veluttedattu Nairs in service.

154. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vilakkittala Nairs and the Veluttedattu Nairs are included in the category of communities which are poorly represented in the public service; and

(*b*) whether these communities are denied their shares in recruitment by officers who have the power of appointment?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*). The member is referred to G. O. Dis. 893/Genl., dated the 25th June 1935, regarding recruitment to Public Service, wherein the classification of communities recognised by Government for purposes of such recruitment is given.

Veluthedathu and Vilakkittala Nairs.

155. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Veluthedathu Nair (Washerman) community and the Vilakkittala Nair (Barber) community are included in the group of "Other Hindus" in the Order dated 25th June 1935 regarding recruitment to Public Services; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the particular group in which they are placed and the reason for the same?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This does not arise.

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